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REMARKS

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1. Prior to 11 April 1953, the Fliegerhorst installation in Quedlinburg was occupied by about 1,000 to 1,200 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and, a few, red-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. On 11 April, an undetermined number of troops were maintaining about 25 trucks in front of a garage. Several hundred soldiers were seen at field training at the training area south of the Fliegerhorst. Light and heavy mortars, including 6 about 120-mm mortars, were seen with the troops.

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On 14 April, a unit with light guns and motor vehicles from the Fliegerhorst Kaserne was entrained and left toward Magdeburg. On 16 April, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne was occupied to about 25 percent.

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2. Prior to 11 April, the Harz Jugendheim (home for youth) was occupied by about 300 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Source did not observe any training in the installation. On 5 and 8 April, about 100 soldiers with small arms were seen marching to, and coming from, the direction of the firing range.

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1. Comment. The information on the occupation of the Fliegerhorst Kaserne and the Harz Jugendheim prior to 11 April indicates no change over previous reports.

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However, the motor [redacted] belong to various units of the Third Shock Army and do not furnish a confirmation for the 597th Mtz Rifle Regt of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div carried in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne. On 14 April, the bulk of the infantry regiment may have moved to the wood camp southeast of Jaevenitz in Letzling Heath for summer training. This would indicate that the regiment probably will not be employed in border guard duty and has not been employed at the border.

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